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ALL-COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 61-80

TO: COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS STAFF DEVELOPMENT OFFICERS

SUBJECT: TITLE XX TRAINING PACKAGE

REFERENCE:

The Department of Social Services, in conjunction with the Title XX SWRL Research and Development project, has developed a training package entitled "Exploring Options in Foster Placement of Court Dependents." The training package has been designed to increase the knowledge of child welfare workers in the foster care services system. It is particularly appropriate for entry level child welfare workers.

The package provides a general description of the placement process involving the foster child; common limitations and potential options which may occur throughout the placement process, and information on making decisions about foster child case management.

The package has been developed for use by a variety of county welfare department staff who are responsible for Title XX functions. Counties may want to consider adding additional curriculum content on the post placement activities, reunification problems, relinquishment situations and problem situations involving parents, foster parents or the child unwilling to participate in the case plan.

In your atilization of this curriculum, policy or operational problems in the area of foster care may emerge. If state assistance is desired in these areas, please feel free to contact the Family and Childrens Services Program Operations Bureau consultant assigned to your county at (916) 445-7653.

Copies of the training package are being sent to all county welfare department staff development officers. The package consists of a participant booklet, participant handouts, a trainer's guide and transparencies. Each county will be receiving one copy of the trainer's guide and five copies of the participant handbook. Appropriate numbers of handouts and transparencies will also be sent.

Counties intersted in obtaining additional copies of the training package should submit a letter requesting the number of copies needed to Norma Clemons, Training Bureau, Department of Social Services, 744 P Street, MS 14-62, Sacramento, CA 95814. The letter should include the title(s) of the booklets or guides and the return address and telephone number of the person to receive the materials.

Sincerely,

Deputy Director